## CLEAN VERSION OF THE ENTIRE SET OF CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1      1.    (CANCELLED)

1      2.    (CANCELLED)

1      3.    (AMENDED)  A method to provide copy protection for a content, the
2    method comprising:
3        descrambling the content delivered by a content provider using a local key;
4        generating the local key from a programmable user key according to an
5    authorization code provided by the content provider; and
6        receiving the authorization code via a communication channel, the communication
7    channel being one of a return path of a cable connection, a telephone connection, and a
8    network.

1      4.    (AMENDED)  The method of Claim 3 further comprising receiving the user
2    key from the content provider via the communication channel.

1      5.    (AMENDED)  The method of Claim 3 wherein the user key is provided by
2    a master CA device having the authorization code.

1      6.    (AMENDED)  The method of Claim 3 wherein the user key is embedded in
2    a medium embodying the content.

1      7.    (CANCELLED)

1      8.    (CANCELLED)

1      9.    (AMENDED)  A conditional access (CA) device comprising:
2        a descrambler to descramble a content delivered by a content provider using a local
3    key;

4      a key generator coupled to the descrambler to generate the local key from a user key

5    according to an authorization code provided by the content provider; and

6      a communication interface coupled to the key generator to receive the authorization

7    code via a communication channel, the communication channel being one of a return path

8    of a cable connection, a telephone connection, and a network.

1      10.    (AMENDED)  The CA device of Claim 9 wherein the communication

2    interface further receives the user key from the content provider via the communication

3    channel.

1      11.    (AMENDED)  The CA device of Claim 9 wherein the user key is provided

2    by a master CA device having the authorization code.

1      12.    (AMENDED)  The CA device of Claim 9 wherein the user key is embedded

2    in a medium embodying the content.

1      13.    (CANCELLED)

1      14.    (CANCELLED)

1      15.    (AMENDED)  A computer program product comprising:

2    a computer usable medium having computer program code embodied therein to

3  provide copy protection for a scrambled content, the computer program product having:

4      a first program code to descramble the content delivered by a content

5    provider using a local key;

6      a second program code to generate the local key from a programmable user

7    key according to an authorization code provided by the content provider; and

8      a third program code to receive the authorization code via a communication

9    channel, the communication channel being one of a return path of a cable

10   connection, a telephone connection, and a network.

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1       16.     (AMENDED)   The computer program product of Claim 15 further

2 comprising a fourth program code to receive the user key from the content provider via the

3 communication channel.

1       17.     (AMENDED)   The computer program product of Claim 15 wherein the user

2 key is provided by a master CA device having the authorization code.

1       18.     (AMENDED)   The computer program product of Claim 15 wherein the user

2 key is embedded in a medium embodying the content.